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**NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION
OF PANCHAYAT RAJ**

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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

ELECTIONS TO THE LOCAL BODIES - NOTIFICATION ISSUED WHEN TENDERED VOTES OF MORE THAN ZERO POINT ONE PERCENT (0.1%) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES POLLED.

No.04/TSEC-PR/2018.—Whereas, the Telangana State Election Commission is constituted to ensure free, fair and periodical elections to Local Bodies;

And Whereas, it has come to the notice of the State Election Commission that, in some areas impersonation is resorted to by unscrupulous elements with the backing of those who want to breach the election law to achieve their political ends;

And Whereas, the genuine elector whose vote has already been cast is intimidated not to demand a tendered vote and in some cases the voter himself goes back not knowing that he has a right to cast a tendered vote or he does not exercise this right since he may feel that, the casting of a tendered vote is of no use as it will not be counted;

And Whereas, in the present election process the vote of an imposter is counted and the vote of a genuine elector is ignored, thus polluting the purity of Elections;

And Whereas, this pernicious practice of impersonation is going scot free as there is no matching deterrent to those who encourage or indulge in such a nefarious practice;

And Whereas, the Telangana State Election Commission issues Orders from time to time, specifying alternative documents for establishing the voter identity in cases where EPICs are not available, so as to prevent impersonation in elections to Local Bodies;

And Whereas, the Telangana State Election Commission has also issued instructions to publish Photo Electoral Rolls for all Local Body elections.

And Whereas, the Telangana State Election Commission has also issued instructions to the Election Authorities to distribute Photo Voter Slips to voters to facilitate the polling personal to curtail the scope for impersonation.

The State Election Commission is of the opinion that, even after following above practices to curb the evil of impersonation there still may be some chance for it's occurrence. Now, with a view to deny even minutest opportunity to any such offenders, the State Election Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 243-K read with the article 243-ZA of the Constitution of India, hereby, orders that-

1. The Returning Officers/ Election Officers for elections to Local Bodies concerned, shall, on the conclusion of the poll, report forthwith to the State Election Commission, through Election Authority, GHMC or District Election Authority concerned as the case may be, the polling stations where, **tendered votes constitute more than zero Point one percent (0.1%) of the total number of votes polled;**
2. After sending such report, the Returning Officers/ Election Officers concerned shall not open the ballot boxes/EVMs and shall not count the votes pertaining to the polling stations referred to in their report, until further orders from the Commission;
3. On receipt of such report, and on obtaining such further information as it deems necessary, it shall be competent for the State Election Commissioner to order a repoll in such Polling Stations;
4. Where a repoll is ordered under this order, the normal procedure for repoll shall be followed; and
5. the Returning Officers/ Election Officers shall give wide publicity to this order, with a view to educate the contesting candidates and motive the voters to demand for a tendered vote and to avail the facility whenever impersonation takes place. It is possible to negate the fraudulent impersonation only when the facility of tendered vote is exercise;

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Hyderabad,
16-02-2018.

M. ASHOK KUMAR,
Secretary.

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